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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. An apparatus for rehydrating and for performing electrophoresis on a gel strip including:

a tray defining at least one trough configured to receive a gel strip, said trough defining a centrally located rehydration area and an electrode area disposed either side of the rehydration area;

means for delimiting the rehydration area of the trough from the electrode area; and

electrode means including contact points adapted to contact either the gel strip in the electrode areas near the first and second end of the gel strip or a conducting or current carrying electrode bridge material which is in contact with the gel strip in the electrode